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## SENATOR CHERRY ANNOUNCES OVER \$14 MILLION INVESTMENT IN DAVISON AREA ROAD PROJECTS

**LANSING** -- Senator Deb Cherry (D-Burton) today welcomed the announcement of \$14,631,281 in Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Greenlight project investment for road reconstruction, bridge work, and preventive road maintenance in the Davison area. These projects supplement MDOT's previous commitments to road and bridge investments over the next five years.

"These projects will improve the transportation system and make travel safer for people in our local area, by providing better roads," said Sen. Cherry. "The infusion of money from the projects will also boost our economy."

Area projects include reconstruction on I-69 from Irish Road to M-15 (\$9, 200,000). Some of the bridge projects include the bridge at I-69 eastbound over M-15 (\$645,483) and the bridge at Maple Road over I-75 (\$623,517). Preventive maintenance will be done on M-24 from Davis Lake Road northerly to M-90 (\$1,850,000) and on M-24 from M-90 northerly to Tuscola (\$909,000).

The current 158 Greenlight projects are part of Governor Granholm's *Jobs Today* initiative and are expected to generate more than 11,000 jobs statewide. The Greenlight project was developed by MDOT to maximize use of federal dollars and bring Michigan's roads and bridges into good repair by 2007.

"Governor Jennifer Granholm's initiative will help put people in my district back to work, by creating much needed jobs," said Sen. Cherry. "It will improve the quality of life for families in our community."

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Sen. Deborah Cherry is a first-term Democrat from Burton, Michigan. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she sits on the Higher Education, Department of Community Health, Department of Natural Resources and Capital Outlay subcommittees.